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LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Medical Officer's Report for the year ending 31st December, 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of the District Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1958. This consists mainly of statistics but additional information is given where necessary.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate for 1958 is 4,360.

BIRTHS.

There were 49 live births during 1958. Of these 24 were males, and 25 females. 84% were born in Maternity Institutions or Hospitals.

Four illegitimate children are included in the above total.

The Crude Birth Rate was 11.2 per 1,000, compared with 12.2 per 1,000 for 1957 and when adjusted for comparative purposes with other areas, this was 12.5.

Three Still Births were registered.

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DEATHS.

The number of deaths during 1958 was 67. Of these 35 were males and 32 females.

The Crude Death Rate was 15.4 per 1,000 compared with 14.9 per 1,000 for 1957 and when adjusted for comparative purposes with other areas, this was 12.8.

The principal causes of death were as follows:-

	Male	Female	Total
Coronary Disease of Heart	13	5	18
Other Diseases of Heart	1	9	10
Diseases of Blood Vessels	4	-	4
Diseases of Blood Vessels of Brain	3	6	9
Cancer of Lungs	1	-	1
Cancer - other forms	5	7	12
Pneumonia	3	2	5
Bronchitis	2	-	2
Suicide	-	1	1
Other Diseases	3	2	5
	35	32	67

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INFANT MORTALITY.

One child under the age of 12 months died, the cause of death being Broncho Pneumonia in a premature infant.

The Infant Mortality Rate is therefore 19.2 per 1,000 births.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

No deaths occurred as a result of pregnancy.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Apart from a number of cases of Measles during the summer months, no epidemic of the more common Infectious Diseases occurred.

The following figures indicate the extent to which all types of infection occurred. No case of severe food poisoning was reported.

Measles	58
Chicken Pox	1
Pneumonia	11
Tuberculosis	3
Dysentery	-
Food Poisoning	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1
Erysipelas	1

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Specimens obtained from patients by family practitioners for various bacteriological tests are sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Monsall Hospital, Manchester. Reports upon specimens are sent to the patient's own doctor and copies are forwarded to the Health Office.

TUBERCULOSIS.

		Male	Female
Number of cases on the register on 31/12/1957 was	-	15	15
The number of cases added to register during 1958 was	-	4	1
The number of cases removed from register during 1958 was	-	3	3
The number of cases remaining on register on 31/12/1958	-	16	13

CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN. (Service under County Council Administration)

Hollingworth Clinic.

A weekly Ante-natal Clinic is held following a School-child Nurse's session each Tuesday afternoon. The local Domiciliary Midwife attends for the purpose of booking and the examination of cases desirous of having their lying-in period at home.

One session per month is devoted to immunisation against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough and vaccination against Poliomyelitis is undertaken by the Divisional Medical Officer.

These premises now also afford accommodation for Chiropody treatment of elderly persons weekly. This service inaugurated by the Mottram Welfare of the Aged Committee has proved to be beneficial to aged persons who obtain treatment at reduced charges.

Hollingworth Clinic (Continued).

Child Welfare Sessions were held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month throughout the year - a local Medical Practitioner and Health Visitor being in attendance.

New Cases	Total Attendances	Average Attendances	Seen by Doctor
35 (36)	994 (1,214)	41 (51)	187 (217)

The M. & C. W. Clinic in the Methodist Church School, Broadbottom, is held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons each month. A local Medical Practitioner and Health Visitor attend to give advice on child care and to carry out immunisation treatment.

New Cases	Total Attendances	Average Attendances	Seen by Doctor
15 (17)	600 (595)	25 (25)	148 (127)

WELFARE FOOD DISTRIBUTION.

Supplies of these commodities are available during Hollingworth and Broadbottom Clinic Sessions.

The assistance given by voluntary helpers in the clinics in this work is much appreciated.

The duties undertaken by these members include weighing of children, keeping of records, provision of tea to mothers, and the sale of infant foods and other nourishments approved by the Medical Officer.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The area is covered by the Hyde Health Division for general, accident, and infectious cases, the numbers conveyed being:-

Hollingworth.....	890
Broadbottom.....	694
Mottram.....	888
	2,472

NURSING IN THE HOME.

One full-time Domiciliary Nurse attended 57 patients in Mottram and Broadbottom upon 2,283 occasions.

The Hollingworth district is served by a Nurse whose duties also include cases resident in Tintwistle (Separate figures for Hollingworth residents are not readily available).

Due to the scattered area allocated to this particular nurse, she uses her own motor car and is reimbursed on a mileage basis for all official journeys connected with her nursing duties.

Nursing requisites are stored at private addresses in Mottram and Broadbottom and at the M. & C. W. Centre at Hollingworth. Requisites such as back-rests, bed-pans etc., are available on loan from the stores by application to either of these nurses.

MIDWIFERY.

Midwives attended the 10 cases 16% of the total in which the births took place in the homes of patients. The trend for childbirth to take place in maternity institutions is revealed by the fact that 84% of the notified births took place in Hospitals or Maternity Homes.

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Facilities are available at the Hollingworth M. & C. W. Centre for the Midwife to carry out examinations of her patients prior to confinement.

HEALTH VISITING.

One Health Visitor supervises the welfare of infants, young children, expectant mothers and nursing mothers by paying visits to the homes and attending at the Clinics. Visits to cases of Tuberculosis for Care and After-Care purposes, and to any aged and infirm persons in need of attention also form part of her duties.

The number of types of visits paid to the homes in Longdendale and Tintwistle as under:-

Expectant Mothers	Children Under five	School Children	Re Home Helps	T.B.	Mental Cases	Aged Persons	Other
207	3,396	239	59	120	39	439	480
(153)	(3,829)	(178)	(68)	(100)	(53)	(397)	(359)

Figures in brackets indicate the corresponding numbers in the previous year.

The Health Visitor possesses a motor-car which she uses for her work and for which she is reimbursed according to the mileage covered.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

The report of your Public Health Inspector has been submitted to me and is attached for your consideration and approval.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

F. W. C. BROWN,

Medical Officer of Health.

Municipal Buildings,
Greenfield Street,
HYDE.

September, 1959.

LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Inspector's Report for the year ending 31st December, 1958.

To the Chairman and Members
of the District Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

During the year Mr.A.Swindells, Public Health Inspector since 1948 left the Council's service to take up an appointment with Manchester County Borough Council. Following upon Mr.Swindells' departure on 30th June, 1958, the duties of Public Health Inspector were carried out by the Council's Surveyor, Mr. H.H.Sidebottom, until the end of the year.

Last year's report set out the overall improvement and change in the sanitary circumstances between the end of 1945 and 31st December, 1957, and the table below sets out the changes during 1958.

	31/12/1957.	31/12/1958.	Increase or Decrease.
SEPARATE DWELLINGS	1815	1821	+ 6
DWELLINGS served by			
(a) Chemical, and Pail Closets	693	681	- 10
(b) Water Carriage Closets	1122	1140	+ 18
(a) Council Sewerage System	942	944	+ 2
(b) Septic Tanks	293	304	+ 11
(c) Other means	580	573	- 7
(a) Public Piped Water Supply	1672	1678	+ 6
(b) Private Water Supply	143	143	-
Dwellings with baths	681	707	+ 26

(1) The Council continued to make grants under the Housing Act for the improvement and modernisation of dwellings, 7 such schemes being completed during the year.

(2) The payment of a grant of £8. was also available as before on the Conversion to a water-closet of either a pail-closet or waste-water closet, but little use was made by owners of this scheme.

(3) Three waste-water closets were converted by service of Notice under Section 47, Public Health Act, 1936.

(4) Subject to satisfactory reports, applications for loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisitions Acts continued to be made for purchase of houses by proposed owner/occupiers.

HOUSING AND BUILDING.

Progress.

1.	Houses -	Private Dwellings built	13
		Extensions to houses	4
		Demolitions, closure and removal	3
2.	Other -	New erections	24
3.	Changes -	House & Shop to House & Shop & Lock-up Shop	1
		House & Shop to lock-up Shop	1
		Conversion of 2 houses into 1 House	3
		Club demolished	1

ADMINISTRATION

Inspections, Interviews etc.,

(a)	Dwellings	43
(b)	Yards and Passages	47
(c)	Drainage, Watercourses & Sewers	151
(d)	Refuse Disposal and Sanitary Conveniences	407
(e)	Offensive Accumulations	9
(f)	Keeping of Animals etc.,	32
(g)	Offensive Trades	21
(h)	Slaughterhouses & Knackers Yards	357
(i)	Factories	28
(j)	Workplaces	19
(k)	Food Premises	97
(l)	Dairies and Milk Distributors	18
(m)	Notifiable Diseases	6
(n)	Disinfection & Disinfestation (excluding rats and mice)	9
(o)	Miscellaneous and Interview	143
		1387

Notices etc.,

Informal Notices served	74
Statutory Notices served	12
Nuisances abated with or without notice	149

WATER SUPPLY.

The Statutory Water Undertakers for the District are the Manchester Corporation Waterworks who took over the undertaking of the Council in April 1957. The main source of water is still from Hungry Hole Springs at Arnfield, but connection has been made to a supply from Robinsons Moss, Tintwistle, which can be used in emergencies.

Preparatory work was carried out for the improvement of the supply to the higher parts of the district, and a chlorinating plant installed to treat all water supplied within the district.

SCAVENGING.

Refuse is disposed of by tipping at a site between Broadbottom Road and Stockport Road. This site has only a few more years of useful life and other accommodation should be sought and prepared for use.

During the summer months the tip is regularly dusted with insecticide and is inspected all the year round for rats.

Labour and transport for this service are under the control of the Engineer & Surveyor and most of the District is cleared weekly. An isolated group of houses at the Hague, Broadbottom, is dealt with by a local farmer who is employed by the Council for the purpose.

During the year the Council have supplied 60 dustbins and 34 pails on receipt of orders from owners of property who are then charged for the service.

SEWERAGE.

The two sewage works at Broadbottom continue to function satisfactorily and samples of the effluents are of a standard which is acceptable to the Mersey River Board. Both works are scheduled for improvement and enlargement in the Council's Sewerage Scheme, details of which were submitted to, and approved in principle by the Minister of Housing and Local Government. The Scheme is designed to deal with the parts of the district at present without sewers, i.e. approximately 50% and also to accommodate development by Manchester Corporation of an overspill housing development. Consultations on the latter took place with Manchester Corporation during the year.

NUISANCES.

Towards the end of the year complaints were received of smell nuisance in the Broadbottom District, caused by the burning of manurial and other waste at a chicken rearing and packing factory on the Derbyshire side of the River Etherow.

Particularly during foggy and still atmospheric conditions the smell hung over the area to the discomfort of residents.

Consultations took place with the Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District Council in whose district the premises were situated, and every co-operation was given by them towards the alleviating of the nuisance, though at the end of the year no definite progress had been evident in obtaining assurances from the Firm of active measures being taken on their part.

RODENT CONTROL.

The annual 10% test of the sewer manholes was carried out and infestations of a minor nature were discovered in both systems and treated accordingly. 185 premises were specifically inspected in connection with rodent control, 29 infestations were found, and the total calls made to deal with rodent control came to 365.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

There is only one offensive trade in the area and it is fat extraction which is carried out at Hyde Brook Works.

These works are adjacent two roads and there are a number of houses in the immediate vicinity, and despite regular inspection there are complaints of offensive smells from time to time. Pollution of the Hyde Brook has decreased since the time that some of the residual liquor from one of the processes has been taken to the Hollingworth Sewage Outfall, and the stream is in a much better condition.

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION.

Supplies of free disinfectant are available in the three villages and there have been 15 inspections and visits directly due to illness and infestation other than rodents.

FACTORIES.

28 visits have been made to the 25 factories remaining on the Register at the end of the year.

WORKPLACES.

There are 39 workplaces, most of which are not regularly occupied or owe their existence to the presence of a factory. They were found to be satisfactory on inspection.

FOOD.

Premises - Analysis at the year end

	TYPE	No.	REGISTRATION (if any)			
			Sec.16 Food & Drugs Act 1955		Milk and Dairies Regulations	
			Ice Cream	Preserved Food	Distributor.	Dairies
1.	Chip Potatoes,Fried Fish	5		5		
2.	Butchers	8		6		
3.	Manufacturing Bakery,Grocery & Sweets	8	3	4	1	
4.	Grocery,Sweets,Greengrocery	11	3		4	
5.	Grocery, Sweets	10	2		3	
6.	Sweets	7	4		1	
7.	Greengrocery	4				
8.	Greengrocery, Fish	3				
9.	Public Houses	15				
10.	Clubs selling drings	4				
11.	Factory & School Canteens	8				
12.	Snack Bar	2	1.			
		86	13	15	10	

FOOD- Anaylsis, continued

TYPE	No.	REGISTRATION (if any)			
		Sec.16 Food & Drugs Act 1955		Milk and Dairies Regulations	
		Ice Cream	Preserved Food	Distributor	Dairies
Totals f/wd	86.	13	15	10	
13. Hostel	1				
14. Cafe	2				
15. Dairies	1				1
	90	13	15	10	1

PREMISES- Inspections.

There have been 39 inspections of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, and the Milk Dairies Regulations, and 58 to other food premises. These premises were, for the most part, satisfactory and such defects as were found were put right on informal notice.

CONDEMNED FOOD.

A small amount of food was condemned after being surrendered voluntarily and disposed of at the Council's tip.

ICE CREAM.

No ice cream is manufactured in the district and there has not been any need for action under the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947-1952.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1955-57.

No legal action has been necessary under these Regulations or under the Council's Byelaws.

Registrations at the end of the year were -

Dairies	1		
Distributors	18		
Sterilized Milk - Dealers	13	Supplementary	2
Pasteurized "	8	"	2
Tuberculin Tested "	4	"	nil.

There has been no cause for action under the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949, Part V11.

MEAT.

Licensed Slaughterhouses

There are three licensed slaughterhouses which are in regular use and all are situated in Hollingworth.

Knackers Yard

A portion of Hyde Brook Works is licensed as a Knackers Yard.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART.

	Cattle excldg Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed	100	146	6	690	74	-
Number inspected	100	146	6	690	74	-

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI	Cattle excldg Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs.	Horses.
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	11	27	-	38	2	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticercci	11.00.	18.49	-	5.51	2.70	-
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY.						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	37	-	-	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	4.00	25.34	-	-	1.35	-
CYSTICERCI						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

100% inspection of carcases killed was maintained during the year and thanks are due to the Hyde Municipal Borough for their co-operation in undertaking the meat inspection duties for the latter half of the year when the Council were without the services of a qualified meat inspector due to Mr.Swindells' departure.

Yours faithfully,

F. SKIRROW.

Public Health Inspector.

Council Offices,
HOLLINGWORTH.

September, 1959.